



KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1958

To which is added

The Annual Report of the

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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June, 1959.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the
Ketton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1958, in which capacity I am acting due to the retirement of Dr. W. Anley Hawes.

There are but few comments I wish to make.

It is most satisfactory to note that there were no deaths of infants under the age of one year in 1958, although the still-birth rate is high (62.5) compared with a still-birth rate of 21.6 for the country as a whole.

The live birth rate of 17.7 is slightly higher than that for England and Wales, which is 16.4 per 1,000.

The death rate of 7.3 per 1,000 of the population is low, being 4.4 lower than that for the whole country.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE NISBET

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

General Services
Board of
Education
London

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To the Chairman and Council of the
British Medical Association

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The first part of the report of the Medical
Association for the year 1954, which contains
the following information, is of interest to the
British Medical Association.

I am, Sir, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

General Secretary

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area.	17,735 acres
Population estimated mid 1958	3,390
Number of inhabited houses from Rate Book	1,040
Rateable Value.	£29,040
Sum Represented by the Penny Rate	£107

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

<u>Live Births</u>	Males	36
	Females	24
	Total	60

<u>Live Birth rate per</u> <u>1,000 population</u>	17.7
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<u>Still-births</u>	4
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<u>Still-births rate per 1,000</u> <u>live and still-births</u>	62.5
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<u>Infant Deaths</u>	Nil
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<u>Infant mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live births; total</u>	0.0
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<u>Infant mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live births; legitimate</u>	0.0
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<u>Infant mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live births; illegitimate</u>	0.0
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<u>Neo-natal mortality rate</u>	0.0
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<u>Illegitimate live births per</u> <u>cent of total live births</u>	0%
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<u>Maternal Deaths</u>	Nil
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<u>Maternal mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live and still-births</u>	0.0
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<u>Death Rate per 1,000</u> <u>population</u>	7.3
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INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES,

INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis respiratory...	-	-
Tuberculosis (other forms).	-	-
Syphilitic Disease.	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Meninogococcal Infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	-	2
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus.	1	-
Malignant neoplasm of breast.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of uterus.	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm.	-	1
Leukaemia & Aleukaemia.	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	4	2
Coronary diseases, angina	1	3
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases.	-	2
Other circulatory diseases.	-	1
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis.	3	1
Other diseases respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea.	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion.	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases.	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	-
Suicide	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>

NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	Total under 1 year
Premature Birth and Malformation etc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Causes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total =	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM.

	Total cases notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	20	-	-
Pneumonia	6	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Acute Polionyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	54	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-
Total =	84	-	-

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Not known	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	Total
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	1	3	2	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Pneumonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Dysentery	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Measles	1	2	6	4	3	4	25	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54
Whooping Cough	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Total =	1	2	7	6	8	8	34	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	84

TUBERCULOSIS.

	Deaths during 1958				New cases during 1958			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total =	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORY ACT.

1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities	7	10	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	14	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	19	24	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more
separate occasions, they should be reckoned as, two three or
more "cases".

	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred.		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Lack of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including Offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	1	-
Total	-	-	-	1	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Nursing in the Home.

Provided by the County Council under the National Health Service.

General Hospitals.

Acute and Maternity admissions to:-

Stamford and Rutland Hospital under the Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Chronic and long term cases to either:-

St. George's Hospital, Stamford

or

The Ashes, Oakham.

Isolation Hospital.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the Peterborough Hospital Management Committee.

Laboratory Facilities.

Provision for the bacteriological analysis of milk, water and pathological specimens is made by the Public Health Emergency Laboratory at the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough under Dr. D.H. Fulton. This includes also bacteriological specimens sent by the National Health General Practitioner Service.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

(a) Provided by the Rutland County Council

Child Welfare:-

Ketton

Twice monthly

Diphtheria Immunisation:-

Provided under the General Medical Practitioner Service of the Rutland County Council.

(b) Provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Tuberculosis:-

Tuberculosis cases are seen at the Chest Clinic of Stamford Hospital, under the Consulting Chest Physician, Dr. G.B. Royce.

Weekly Clinic

Tuesday & Friday
Stamford & Rutland Hospital.

KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1958

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	93
Meat and Foods	168
Factories	24
Water Supplies	236
Refuse Disposal	72
Sewage Disposal	142
Building	118
Infectious Diseases	40
Miscellaneous	548
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NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Informal	8	4
Statutory	7	7

MEAT AND FOODS

One slaughterhouse only in the Parish of Ketton has continued to be in regular use for the slaughter of sheep and pigs, beef requirements for the District being slaughtered and inspected at Stamford.

The total number of animals slaughtered and inspected was 482, hundred per cent inspection being maintained.

The condemned meat comprised 7 Pigs' Heads and Tongues, 3 Mesenteries and 1 pair of Lungs affected with Tuberculosis and 8 pairs of Pigs' Lungs, 4 Pigs' Hearts and 1 Sheep's Liver affected with other conditions.

The only other food condemned consisted of two 6 lb. tins of Corned Beef. Details of animals slaughtered and inspected are given in the following Table:-

	<u>SHEEP</u>	<u>PIGS</u>
No. of Animals slaughtered and inspected	331	151
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>		
No. of Whole Carcases and offals condemned	-	-
No. of Carcases of which some part was condemned	-	11
Percentage of Carcases affected with T.B.	-	7.3%
<u>DISEASES OTHER THAN T.B.</u>		
No. of Whole Carcases and offals condemned	-	-
No. of Carcases of which some part was condemned	1	8
Percentage with diseases other than T.B.	0.30%	5.3%

Other Foods.

The number of food premises remains unchanged.

Milk and Dairies

As from 1st October, the District became a Specified Area under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1954, whereby the only milk permitted to be sold is Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised or Sterilised. Consequent upon this two Dealers' Licences for the sale of Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested milk were issued. The supplementary Licences are unchanged from last year.

FACTORIES.

The number of premises on the Register remains unchanged and one Notice for an infringement of the Factory Act was issued during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Investigation and measures of disinfection as appropriate were carried out respecting 20 cases of Scarlet Fever, of which 16 were at Ryhall, 1 at Ketton and 1 at Essendine.

It is gratifying to record that it was not necessary to take any action in respect of verminous premises or persons during the year.

NEW BUILDINGS.

67 Plans were deposited during the year and of these 65 were approved and 2 disapproved under the building byelaws. The approved Plans included those for 17 dwellings - 12 at Ryhall, 2 at Ketton, 2 at Great Casterton and 1 at Tinwell. 24 private houses were completed during the year of which 21 were at Ryhall, 2 at Ketton and 1 at Tinwell. No Council House development was undertaken during the year.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

1 application for a site to station moveable dwellings at Little Casterton was approved and 2 applications to station individual caravans at Ketton and Essendine were also approved.

SCAVENGING.

This service was continued satisfactorily during the year and a new vehicle obtained under the hire and maintenance scheme was operated as from the beginning of July.

It was necessary to seek a new site for the disposal of refuse from Ketton and Tinwell and yet another old quarry is being used for this purpose at Empingham Road, Tinwell. There has been a good deal of trouble from indiscriminate tipping by unauthorised persons, which has had the effect of both making access difficult and orderly maintenance almost impossible.

In support of the "Keep Britain Tidy" Movement, 29 litter baskets have been erected in various Parishes but it appears that this provision may have been on an unduly generous scale judging by the amount of usage which has been made of some of the baskets.

SEWERAGE.

The Ryhall scheme has continued to operate reasonably well but the sludge disposal problem still remains and it was necessary to resort to a form of lagoon in order to free the over loaded sludgebeds. The situation was aggravated by unauthorised persons gaining access to the Works and opening valves, which had the effect of flooding the sludge-beds on several occasions. Vandalism which interferes with a public service can only be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

SEWERAGE (Cont'd)

No progress was made with regard to sewerage for Ketton and Great Casterton but it appears that the scheme for Little Casterton is likely to be completed during 1959.

The systematic baiting of the sewers at Ryhall was undertaken in November, as a result of which it appeared that the sewers are virtually free from rats as there was only one 'take' throughout the entire system.

RAG FLOCK ACT.

There are no registrations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT.

There are no licensed premises in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The main event of the year was the long awaited Ministerial sanction to proceed with the Ketton scheme of improvement. This, however, was only obtained on condition that the bulk supply was taken from the Oundle and Thrapston Tixover source, supplied via the Collyweston water tower. Work was commenced late in the year and should be completed before the end of 1959. This will enable many of the small old distribution mains to be abolished and it is expected that all parts of Ketton will now receive water at a reasonable pressure.

A small extension to supply a building estate and Secondary Modern School at Great Casterton was carried out during the year.

Samples of both chlorinated and unchlorinated water from the Ketton, Ryhall and Clipsham sources were reported as uniformly satisfactory.

HOUSING INSPECTION.

Once again in the absence of a Council house building programme, little progress was possible with the work of slum clearance. My prediction that future building would become a priority, was fulfilled and Meetings have been held to co-ordinate provision of such accommodation with the aid of a special subsidy from the County Council to meet the needs of the aged and infirm. As a result of this a programme for the provision of old people's dwellings at Ryhall, Ketton and Great Casterton was under consideration at the end of the year.

Two applications for Improvement Grants were received and approved during the year and four Grant-aided schemes were completed during the year.

Two applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the Rent Act were received and Certificates issued in each case.

No. of Visits	93
No. of Houses inspected	63
No. of Houses inspected and recorded	43
No. of Visits made for the purpose	73
No. of Houses found unfit for habitation	10
No. of Houses not in all respects fit	23

Remedy of Defects

No. of Houses made fit as a result of informal action	14
No. of Houses brought up to standard after assistance by Improvement Grants	4
No. of Unfit Houses closed by Closing Orders	1
No. of Unfit Houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners	4
Proceedings under Public Health Acts	Nil
No. of cases of overcrowding discovered	Nil
No. of cases of overcrowding abated	Nil
No. of Cases of overcrowding remaining	1

July, 1959.

L.J. Roll.
Senior Public Health Inspector.

